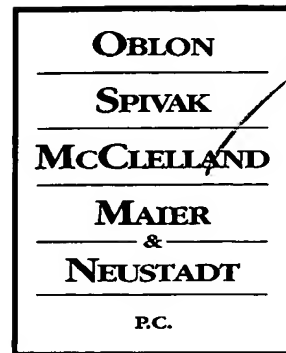




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Applicants: Kiyoshi YOSHIZUMI, et al.

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For: ONBOARD FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND METHOD
OF DISCHARGING HYDROGEN-OFF GAS

Group Art Unit: 1746

Examiner: HODGE, R.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Our check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, Applicants herein elect embodiment 2 as shown in Fig. 6. Claims 1, 6, 8, 11-15, 21 31, 37-39, 43 and 50 read on the elected species.

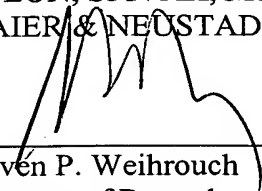
This election is being made with traverse. Any proper search for the elected species will also necessarily require a search through the appropriate classes and subclasses for the other species. It would therefore not constitute a significant additional burden on the Office for the examiner to examine all of the species in the present application, and so the election of species requirement is believed to be unjustified.

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Favorable and timely consideration of the elected species is requested.

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